

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 6, 2022)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Alex Huseman, Communications Coordinator

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of November 29, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2022 Audit Report

I move to accept the report of the Independent Auditor on the Financial Statements of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for fiscal year 2022 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr..

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR DECEMBER 13.

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Application - Circuit Court Child Support Enforcement - US2327

I move to approve the application for the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for a one year period from the Maryland Department of Human Resources on behalf of the Circuit Court for Child Support Enforcement in the amount of \$14,016.00 for FY2023 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Intergovernmental Support Agreement with (IGSA) NAS PAX

I move to approve the Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Naval District Washington on behalf of Naval Air Station Patuxent River and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARK - Draft Master Plan Brief- Shannon Farm

Present: Arthur Shepherd, Interim Director

Kyle Mundy, Project Manager, A. Morton Thomas

A presentation was given on the Draft Master Plan for the Shannon Farm Property.

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space Funding- Infrastructure Grant Award

I move to approve the Program Open Space, Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Grant Award in the amount of \$1,125,000, reducing the FIN23 and increasing project RP2303 for the Leonard Hall Recreation Center Project, Dorsey Park Athletic Field Improvement Project, 5th District Parking Lot Lighting Project, ADA Transition Plan Project, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2023 Senior Rides, Project MD2305 Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Rides Operating Grant Agreement, Project #MD2305, from the Maryland Department of Transportation: Maryland Transit Administration on behalf of the St.

Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$11,900 which includes other revenue and county funding, to coordinate door-to-door transportation for low and moderate income seniors who are unable to utilize other transportation options and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Holiday Leave

I move to approve December 23, 2022 and December 30, 2022 as additional holiday leave or as floating holiday leave for employees required to work on these dates.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr..

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Proposals - Vote

REQUESTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION 1: I move to request authority to issue \$56 million in public facilities bonds for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 budgets and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to request to amend Chapter 138-1.F of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – to extend the October 1, 2024 termination date of the Real Property Transfer Tax until October 1, 2028 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 3: I move to request to amend §13-2101 of the Criminal Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to add language to the definitions of “gaming device” and “gaming

event”, to add a new definition of “senior activity center”, to create a new §13-2116 to allow certain gaming events to be played at senior centers in St. Mary’s County and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUEST

MOTION 4: I move to request to amend Chapter 113 of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County – to include text amendments such as to define “new facilities” and add clarifying language to Chapter 113 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

I move to forward the citizen request “to amend the Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County to elect Commissioners by a plurality of votes within the district they represent” to the Delegation.

No Vote

I move to forward the citizen request “to amend the Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County and the Maryland Code to elect County Commissioners and Board of Education Candidates by district level” to the St. Mary’s County Delegation.

No Vote

I move to forward the citizen request “to amend the Maryland Code to make elections for the following positions non-partisan: Sheriff, State’s Attorney, Clerk of Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Judge of Orphans Court and Treasurer” to the Delegation.

No Vote

MOTION 5: I move that we do not forward these motions and return them to the citizens with the information for their elected officials.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr..

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson

Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Ostrow

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session for the purpose of Legal Advise and Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:15 a.m. - 11:27 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Captain David Yingling, Sheriff's Office
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:28 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss salary of a member of a public agency.

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:31 a.m. - 11:36 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss position assignment.

D. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:37 a.m. - 11:58 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss assignment to a member of a public agency.

E. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:59 a.m. - 12:13 p.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss assignment of a member of a public agency.

F. PERSONNEL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:16 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To consider or discuss the appointment of a member of a public agency or employee, unless the individual as a matter of public record , makes a written request for an open session.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on December 13, 2022.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. FY2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Prior to the Budget Work Session the Commissioners made a motion from Closed Session..

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve the Crime Analyst I and II proposal as requested by the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2024 Budget Work Session CIP

MOTION: I move that the Board support the YMCA plan as approved in the CIP.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow